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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

January 10, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Lee:

Reference is made to your letter of January 7, 1964, wherein you enclosed a copy of a letter dated December 30, 1963, from Mr. Waggoner Carr, Attorney General of Texas.

In addition to the request of Mr. Carr in his letter to the Commission, you were advised today by J. R. Malley of this Bureau of the request made by District Attorney Henry Wade, Dallas County, Texas, wherein he requests any reports available covering interviews of Jack Ruby by FBI Agents. Mr. Wade also requested that he be furnished with background information concerning Ruby and any information reflecting Ruby's activities during the pertinent period of November 21 through 24, 1963.

The FBI is ready to furnish to State authorities whatever information the Commission and the Department of Justice agree would be proper under the circumstances.

As you are aware, the President's Commission has been furnished a number of reports concerning the Ruby phase of the investigation and these reports have also been furnished to the Department of Justice. Inasmuch as this Bureau conducted the investigation at the request of the President and the Department of Justice, we would appreciate being advised what information should be made available to the State authorities of Texas.

You were also advised that in view of the requests of Attorney General Carr and District Attorney Wade, the FBI is advising them that their requests had been made known to the

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President's Commission and to the Department of Justice and that the FBI is ready to furnish them whatever information the President's Commission and the Department would release.

During this discussion you indicated you were in full agreement with this proposed action, that you would appreciate the Department being advised that the Commission would like to have its views with regard to information that could be disseminated to District Attorney Wade of Dallas County, Texas, and that the Department should also be advised that this matter should be handled as expeditiously as possible in order to forestall any criticism on the part of State authorities.

Your request has been made known to Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller of the Criminal Division of the Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".